



Part II. Overview of September 2002 DAG-TM Experiment



Outline (Experiment Overview)



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- Airspace & traffic flows
- Basic DAG scenario
- Notes on use of RTA in DAG September 2002 Study
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- Daily schedule



Objectives



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- Evaluate interim DAG-TM operational concepts & automation
 - for trajectory negotiation (CE-6)
 - for supporting en route free maneuvering (CE-5)
 - for in trail self-spacing in TRACON (CE-11)
 - for managing arrival traffic
- Obtain controller and pilot feedback about concepts, adequacy of scenarios and experimental design



Terminology & Key Concepts (1)



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Related to control status and communication:

Autonomous aircraft: (or "unmanaged or "free flight" aircraft) Flight crew is responsible for maintaining separation from other aircraft, and may initiate trajectory changes without ATC approval. Autonomous aircraft must be CDTI, CD&R, and RTA equipped, and flight crews must follow "rules of the road" for conflict resolution.

Managed aircraft: All trajectory changes must be ATC approved, and ATC is responsible for separation. Managed aircraft may be CDTI equipped or not.

Equipped aircraft: FMS+SPACING+ADS-B+CPDLC+intent+RTA+CDTI+CD&R

Unequipped aircraft: FMS+SPACING+ADS-B+CPDLC+intent+RTA+CDTI

"Rules of the Road": Right-of-Way rules for resolving conflicts that involve at least one autonomous aircraft.

Intent:

Cockpit Display of Traffic Information (CDTI):

Conflict Detection & Resolution capability (CD&R):

Data Link: Digital communication system for air-ground information exchange

ADS-B: "Automatic Dependent Surveillance, Broadcast" -- automatic datalink broadcast of aircraft state information (e.g., heading, airspeed, altitude, route).

Controller-Pilot Data Link Communication (CPDLC): data link that supports air-ground clearance and request communications between pilots and controllers.



Terminology & Key Concepts (2)



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Related to time-based metering:

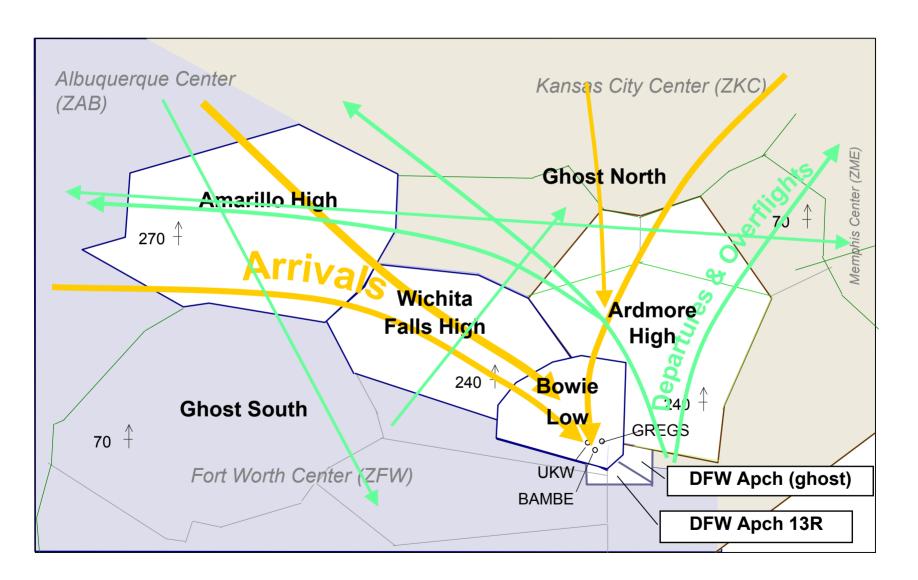
- **Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA):** The time at which an arrival aircraft is estimated to cross the BAMBE meter fix if it conforms with its broadcast FMS trajectory.
- **Scheduled Time of Arrival (STA):** The time that the Traffic Management Advisor schedules an aircraft to cross the meter fix.
- Required Time of Arrival (RTA): A meter fix arrival time assigned to an autonomous aircraft.
- **Traffic Management Advisor (TMA):** CTAS automation process that creates a 'first-come, first-served' meter fix schedule for arrival aircraft. The TMA scheduler is also set-up to provide a minimum of 7 miles-in-trail spacing at the meter fix. At BAMBE, with an 11,000 foot and 250 knot crossing restriction, this translates to roughly 82 seconds minimum spacing between aircraft.

Precision Descent:

September 2002 DAG Airspace & Traffic Flows



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Basic DAG Scenario - Concept Elements 5, 6 & 11



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Pilots of **autonomous aircraft** use CDTI tools and '**rules-of-the-road**' to resolve traffic conflicts and plan **RTA** compliant descents into controlled airspace. All changes are broadcast. *(CE-5 only)*

High altitude controllers use CTAS tools (**TMA**, conflict probe) to monitor en route & arrival aircraft.

Controller reviews downlinked trajectory change request from **managed aircraft**. If acceptable, uplink response clears aircraft to fly requested trajectory.

At the freeze horizon, CTAS **TMA** generates a final schedule of meter fix arrival times (**RTAs** & **STAs**) for arriving aircraft. Controllers use CTAS tools to monitor and fine tune the arrival plan. They may issue cruise and descent speeds and route changes by voice or datalink to managed aircraft. These clearances override the STA advisory.

Automatic Information Exchange:

- · Broadcast aircraft ADS state.
- Uplink descent winds to synchronize trajectory computations.
- Uplink TMA meter fix times (RTAs or STAs) and speed advisories.
- Broadcast FMS trajectory whenever it changes.

Pilots of managed (and equipped) aircraft may use CDTI tools to resolve traffic conflicts and plan **STA**-advisory compliant descents. Route changes are downlinked to ATC for approval. Speed changes do not require ATC approval. All changes are broadcast.

Pilots of autonomous and managed aircraft use the FMS to fly precise VNAV trajectories from TOD to the meter fix at the TRACON boundary. Managed aircraft must receive a Precision Descent clearance before beginning descent.

TRACON

Center

Pilots use CDTI & guidance to self-space behind a designated aircraft.

TRACON controllers can clear pilots to self-space behind a designated aircraft.

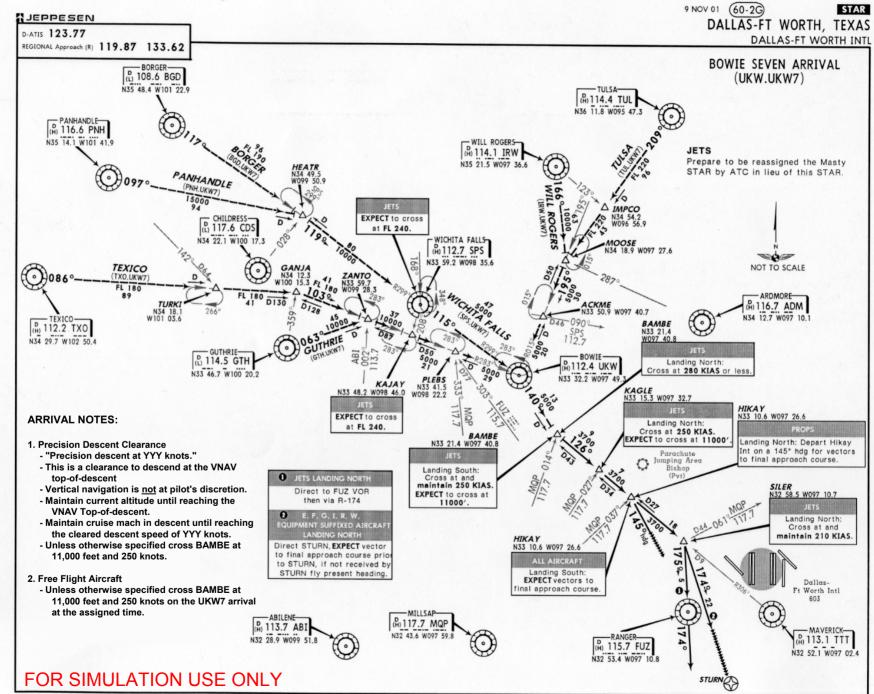


Notes on Use of RTA in September 2002 DAG-TM Study



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- Arrival aircraft will receive one or two automatic uplinks providing either an STA or an RTA at the meter fix:
 - The first uplink (a preliminary STA) is sent when the aircraft is
 220 miles or more from the meter fix.
 - The second uplink (the final STA) is sent when the aircraft crosses the freeze horizon, 160 nm from the meter fix.
- For managed aircraft both uplinks provide advisory information about the ATSP's scheduled time of arrival (STA) at the meter fix.
- For autonomous aircraft the first uplink provides an advisory STA, the second uplink provides a required time of arrival (RTA).





Precision Descent Procedure



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Normal clearance:

"Cleared for a precision descent at YYY knots."

Expected pilot behavior:

On receipt of the precision descent clearance the pilot is expected to check that the BAMBE crossing restriction is 11,000 feet and 250 knots, enter 0.XX/YYY on the VNAV descent page, lower the MCP altitude to 11,000 feet and engage VNAV. (0.XX is the cruise Mach.)

Clearance with an altitude limit:

"Cleared for a precision descent at YYY knots except maintain flight level 240."

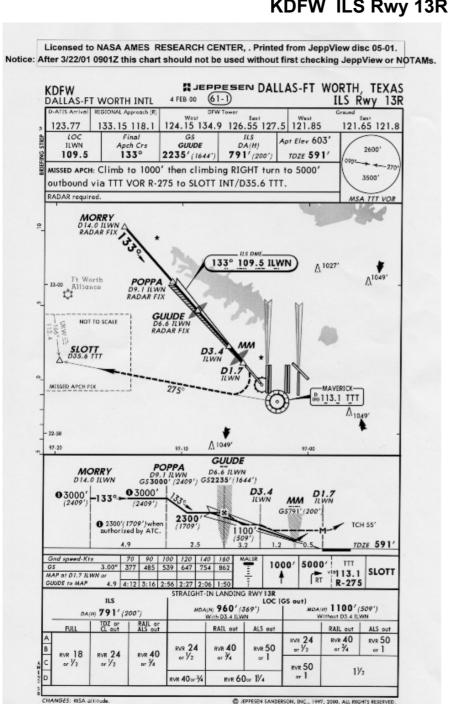
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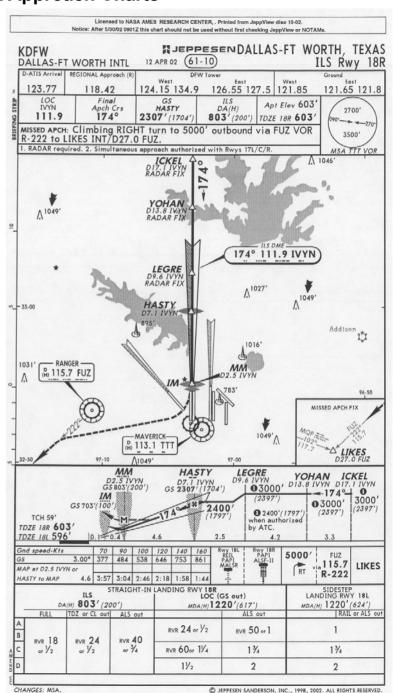
On receipt of the precision descent clearance the pilot is expected to check that the BAMBE crossing restriction is 11,000 feet and 250 knots, enter 0.XX/YYY on the VNAV descent page, lower the MCP altitude to <u>24,000</u> feet and engage VNAV. (0.XX is the cruise Mach.)

Controller expectations for a normal precision descent clearance:

- Aircraft will maintain current lateral routing
- Aircraft will maintain cruise altitude and Mach until its VNAV top of descent.
- Aircraft will initiate descent at its VNAV top-of-descent point.
- Aircraft will descend at cruise Mach until reaching the assigned descent speed and then maintain the assigned descent speed.
- Aircraft will maintain assigned descent speed within plus/minus 10 knots.
- Aircraft will cross BAMBE at 11,000 feet and 250 knots.

KDFW ILS Rwy 13R & 18R Approach Charts

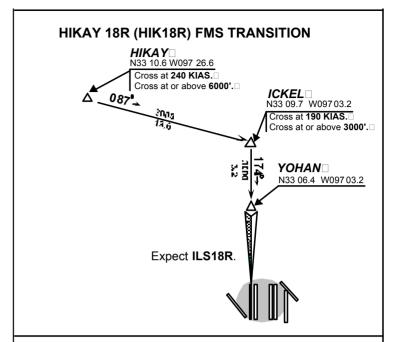


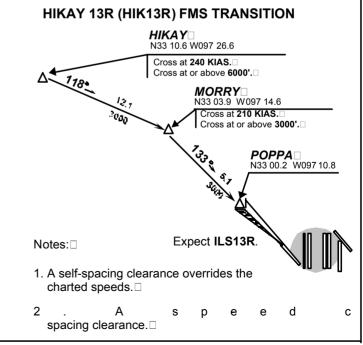


HIKAY 13R & 18R FMS Transitions

HIKAY	18R (HIK18R) FMS Tran	sition
	distance	altitude	speed
BAMBE	50.7nm	11,000′	250
KAGLE	41.7nm		
HIKAY	34.6nm	6,000′	240
ICKEL	15.0nm	3,000′	190
YOHAN	11.8nm	3,000′	170
HASTY	5.2nm	2,200′	150
18R	0.0nm	591′	

нікач	13R (HIK13R) FMS Tran	sition
	distance	altitude	speed
BAMBE	41.1nm	11,000′	250
KAGLE	32.1nm		
HIKAY	25.0nm	6,000′	240
MORRY	12.9nm	3,000′	210
POPPA	7.9nm	3,000′	170
GUUDE	5.4nm	2,200′	150
13R	0.0nm	591′	







DAG-TM Experiment – Test Plan



ADVANCED AIR TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGIES

- Purpose
 - Compare 2 en route concepts free maneuvering & trajectory negotiation to baseline
 - Compare TRACON concept in trail self-spacing to baseline
- Airspace
 - Northwest section of Fort Worth Center, DFW TRACON
- Controllers
 - 4 FPL en route, 1 TRACON & 3 'cohort' controllers
- Pilots
 - 6 commercial airline pilots flying CDTI-equipped PC-based aircraft simulators
 - 2 commercial airline pilots flying CDTI-equipped full-mission flight deck simulator
 - 7 'cohort' pilots flying multi-aircraft simulator workstations
- Traffic Scenario
 - 3 equivalent scenarios
 - ~ 90 aircraft including 45 arrivals from the west and north arriving at the northwest ZFW cornerpost within approximately 1 hour
- · Aircraft capability
 - Equipped aircraft: FMS+SPACING+ADS-B+CPDLC+intent+RTA+CDTI+CD&R
 - Unequipped aircraft: FMS+SPACING+ADS-B+CPDLC+intent+RTA+CDTI
- Exp Design
 - (Center) 3 test conditions x 2 repetitions
 - (TRACON) 2 test conditions x 2 repetitions
- Metrics
 - throughput efficiency workload acceptability situation awareness



Flight Deck and ATC Tools & Procedures



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Flight Deck	Baseline	CE 6 & 11 Trajectory Negotiation		CE 5 & 11 Free Maneuvering	
Tools & Procedures	All Aircraft	, ,	Equipped	Unequipped	Equipped
Flight Management System (FMS)	х	Х	X	Х	X
Cockpit display of traffic information (CDTI)	х	х	х	х	х
ADS-B	х	Х	х	х	Х
Conflict detection & resolution capability (CD&R)			х		x
Route planning			х		Х
Controller-pilot data link (CPDLC)		Х	Х	х	Х
Precision Descent Procedures		Х	Х	х	Х
Self-spacing capability		х	х	х	х
Rules of the Road					х
RTA capability		х	х	х	x
ATC Tools & Procedures	Baseline	CE 6 & 11 Trajectory		CE 5 & 11 Free Maneuvering	
TMA	х	х		X	
Descent Advisory		х		х	
Conflict detection		х		х	
Trial planning		x		х	
Arrival spacing capability		x		X	
Control exchange capability				х	
Rules of the Road				х	



Daily Schedule



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- 2 days of training
- 6 days data collection
- Daily schedule for data collection days (Days 3-8):

8:00-8:30AM: Morning Briefing, Room 100

8:45-10:00AM: Run #1

10:00-10:15AM: BREAK

10:30-12:00PM: Run #2

12:00-1:00PM: LUNCH

1:15-2:45PM: Run #3

2:45-3:00PM: BREAK

3:00-4:00PM: Afternoon Debrief, Room 100





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[End overview of Sept. DAG experiment]

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